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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our letters, the most recent being our letter of 14 November 1991, concerning violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft, I wish to inform you of new developments with regard to such violations, as follows:

12-13 November 1991

Thirty-two sorties flown by 16 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 650-900 km/h and at an altitude of 5,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

13-14 November 1991

Thirty-five sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and three three-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-950 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

At 0725 hours, two F-111s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 800 km/h and at an altitude of 200 metres.

At 1115 hours, two Tornadoes overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 800 km/h and at an altitude of 100 m.

At 1138 hours, one solo aircraft violated Iraqi airspace south of Artawi to a distance of 15 kilometres, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 4,000 m.

14-15 November 1991

Twenty sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,500 m, centred on Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho, the area north of Kirkuk and the area north of the Saddam airbase.

15-16 November 1991

Thirty sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-7,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tal Afar and Amadiyah.

From 0840 to 1300 hours, three two-aircraft formations consisting of F-111s or F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at speeds of 500-700 km/h and at altitudes of 100-500 m.

From 0848 to 1655 hours, six two-aircraft formations consisting of F-111 and F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at speeds of 500-700 km/h and at altitudes of 50-500 m.

16-17 November 1991

Thirty-one sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations, two single aircraft and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 750-840 km/h and at altitudes from 3,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Zakho, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

At 0655 hours, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 750 km/h and at an altitude of 20 metres.

At 0715 hours, two F-111s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 30 m.

At 1500 hours, two Jaguars overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 500 km/h and at an altitude of 600 m.

At 1520 hours, two F-4s overflew Mosul at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 50 m and dropped two flares.

17-18 November 1991

Thirty-one sorties flown by 15 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-9,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Dukan.

At 1430 hours, two Tornadoes overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 50 m.

From 0820 to 1500 hours, five two-aircraft formations consisting of F-111s, F-16s and Jaguars overflew Firnas airfield at speeds of 700-750 km/h and at altitudes of 20-700 m.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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